

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of business of the Board of Aldermen
in hands of the Clerk by 2PM the day of the meeting**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

July 14, 2005, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 6, 2005, the Special Meeting of June 9, 2005, and the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Petition Verizon for a Grant of Location to install 4 ft. of conduit and a manhole at 9 Arlington St.
4. Petition Somerville Housing Group for a Grant of Location to install 214 ft. of fire alarm conduit on Webster Ave.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

5. Citation By Ald. Taylor and the Entire Board, Commending Somerville Community Access Television for winning the 2005 Hometown Video Award for Overall Excellence.
6. Citation By Ald. White and the Entire Board, Congratulating Vito and Josephine Vaccaro on the happy occasion of their 60th anniversary.
7. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Congratulating John "Dinny" Creedon in happy anticipation of his 83rd birthday.
8. Resolution By Ald. Pero, That this Board honors the service of US Army 1st Lt. John D. McArthur, who was killed in Viet Nam on July 30, 1969, at age 25.
9. Order By Ald. Pero, Taylor and Heuston, That the Director of Veterans Services and the Commissioner of Public Works clean the Vietnam Memorial area in Union Sq.

10. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the graffiti at the entrance to the Winter Hill schoolyard on Thurston St.
11. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the streetlight on the even side of Lee St. near the intersection of Richdale Ave.
12. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect 25-27 Allston St. for any and all code violations, specifically having to do with the exterior.
13. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of SPCD inspect 35 Wisconsin Ave. for any and all code violations.
14. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works repaint or resurface the Stop Line at Myrtle and Washington Sts. (3rd request)
15. Resolution By Ald. Roche and Sullivan, That this Board requests that the landlord of the Mt. Vernon St. properties extend his expiring use option and allow his properties to remain as affordable housing units for a minimum of 5 years.
16. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of SPCD inspect 8 Belmont St. for various health code violations.
17. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead trees at 41 Berkeley St., 4 Aldersey St., and Prospect Hill Towers.
18. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works explore the feasibility of adding additional lighting at Corbett McKenna Playground.
19. Order By Ald. Taylor and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works place a decorative trash barrel at the First Congregational Church, 95 College Ave.
20. Order By Ald. White, That the Chief Assessor report to the Finance Committee whether any telecommunication companies have shifted their taxable equipment legal titles out of state to avoid paying taxes on the equipment, and, if so, the amount of lost tax revenue.
21. Order By Ald. White and Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking consider posting NO PARKING signs, or painting the curb yellow, to prevent parking in front of the driveway at 212 Somerville Ave.

22. Order By Ald. White and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works report on the status and safety of the tree near 58 Main St. at the corner of Fremont St.
23. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works inspect the tree and sidewalk opposite 94 Pritchard Ave.
24. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Solicitor appear before this Board to explain why the city has not sued SF Properties for breach of lease for failure to replace the broken light pole in the municipal parking lot.
25. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the City Clerk contact the Dedication Committee to prepare for a street dedication at the corner of Woodbine and Lowell Sts. in honor of the late veteran Walter J. Collette Sr.
26. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Traffic and Parking Director strictly enforce illegal parking near corners in the vicinity of Hinckley, Wilton, Nashua, and Richardson Sts.
27. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board commends all city employees and officials responsible for making our July 4th firework celebration at Trum Field a huge success.
28. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police inform this Board of departmental resources available for domestic violence issues and whether a Domestic Violence unit still exists, and if not, to provide the date of its disbandment.
29. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to regularly monitor the Lincoln Park area and take necessary action to insure that any illegal activity is addressed and that groups are instructed to disperse if there is undue disturbance to the neighborhood.
30. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of Health issue a rodent/trash advisory to all College Ave. property owners, from the rotary to Dearborn, Bromfield, and Pearson Rds., regarding the proper storage of trash, and contact the Tufts Community Relations Dept. to see if new construction at College and Talbot Aves. is a source of the problem, and take action to resolve the neighbors' concerns.
31. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Director of SPCD inspect the outdoor seating at Antonia's Restaurant in Davis Sq. Plaza, and take action to prevent blocking of the public way, including the removal of any and all seating equipment.

32. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or remove the brick pavers in front of the stores from College Ave. to Holland St.
33. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the brick crosswalk at Grove St. and Highland Ave.
34. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the dead tree on Morrison Ave. between Newberne and Clifton Sts.
35. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the grass at Powderhouse Park, including the edges of the park at College Ave. and Broadway, more frequently.
36. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, Commending Somerville native Joseph J. Cronin, Jr. for his great success in the advertising and marketing industries.
37. Resolution By Ald. Connolly, That the Administration continue reviewing all operations at the Water Dept. to determine the extent of billing and other management issues, and advise this Board of the situation prior to its next regular meeting on August 11, and appear at this meeting to answer questions from the members regarding this matter.
38. Order By Ald. Connolly and Sullivan, That the Director of SPCD inspect the Someday Café at Elm and Dover Sts. for daily trash disposal.
39. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Taylor, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the Washington St. roadway at the corner of Columbus Ave.
40. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 18 Bromfield Rd.
41. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the sidewalk at 34 Merriam St.
42. Order By Ald. Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol to Perkins Playground.
43. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Clerk send a letter to DCR, asking that they remove the graffiti and "gang tags" from the wall and signs around the pool at Foss Park, and repair a cut in the fence, which presents a drowning hazard.

44. Order By Ald. Provost, That the City Solicitor review the recently proposed ordinance that would make carrying knives and other instruments with blades exceeding 2½ inches illegal, and redraft its exceptions section to allow residents to carry kitchen knives and various tools for legitimate purposes.
45. Order By Ald. Provost, That the appropriate city departments continue to maintain the "speed bump" south of the Sycamore St. Bridge after repair of that bridge is complete.
46. Order By Ald. Provost, That the Director of SPCD inspect 171 Walnut St. for improper storage of trash.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

47. Citation By The Entire Board, commending Elena Capobianco on the happy occasion of her 92nd birthday.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

48. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to issue a bond and make an appropriation for \$878,000 for the purchase of 4 Police Cruisers and 1 Tractor Trailer Ladder Fire Truck.
49. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$575,000 donation from Federal Realty Investment Trust in response to agreements associated with the Assembly Sq. development.
50. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$20,000 grant from the DCR to create a sustainable urban forest.
51. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$10,000 grant from the Mass. Environmental Trust Grant Program.
52. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend an \$8,000 grant from the Housing Authority to support Arts Council programming at the Mystic Activity Center and Clarendon Hill.
53. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$2,000 grant from the Demoulas Foundation to assist the Arts Council.
54. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$1,000 grant from the Linda F. Zuker Memorial Youth Fund to assist the Arts Council in operating the Arts in the Garden program.
55. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Mary Lu Mendonca as Human Rights Commissioner.
56. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Nathan Lemmon to the Human Rights Commission.

57. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cesar Urrunaga to the Human Rights Commission.
58. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Jeff Meese to the Human Rights Commission.
59. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Barbara Mangum to the Historic Preservation Commission.
60. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Upton and Derick Snare to the Historic Preservation Commission.
61. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Abby Freedman as an alternate member of the Historic Preservation Commission.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Denis Chagnon as an alternate member of the Historic Preservation Commission.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bradbury Stearns as an alternate member of the Historic Preservation Commission.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Cheryl Vanderbilt as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of James Robertson to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
66. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Eileen Feldman as a member of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
67. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Al Rubio to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
68. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of William Vienneau to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
69. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Bonnie Carroll to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities.
70. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of John Correiro as a member of the Multicultural Commission.
71. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Sam Dalzon as a member of the Multicultural Commission.

72. Mayor's Request Requesting confirmation of the appointment of Marya Axner as a member of the Multicultural Commission.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

73. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses and Permits, June 29.
74. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Legislative Matters, July 12.
75. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, July 14.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS

76. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various board orders.

NEW BUSINESS

77. Public Occ **Public Property Occupancy Permit**
Last Dispatch World Premier Weekend Fundraiser, Davis Sq. Statue Park, one booth for Nantucket Nectars, July 29-31, Noon-8PM.
78. Public Occ Redbones Annual Block Party, Chester St. to Herbert St., Aug. 8, 7AM-10PM.
79. Public Occ Bay State Ave. Block Party, Aug. 13, 3PM-Midnight (Rain date Aug. 14).
80. Public Occ Somerville Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Plaza, Sept 17, 7AM-2PM.
81. Public Occ Irving Street Block Party, Sept. 17, 11AM-6PM (Rain date Sept. 18).
82. Public Occ Somerville Youth Hockey Canning Fundraiser, various locations, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 and Nov. 5.
83. Garage Lic. **Garage License Renewal**
Somerville Auto Transport Service, 495 Columbia St, 22 autos.
84. Garage Lic. Pat's Auto Body Inc., 161 Linwood St., 50 autos.
85. Garage Lic. Pat's Auto Body Inc., 13-19 Joy St., 42 autos.

- 86. Garage Lic. A & W Automotive Services & Repair LLC, 366 Medford St., 4 autos.
- 87. Outdoor Park **Outdoor Parking Renewal**
Pat's Auto Body Inc., 161 Linwood St., 63 vehicles.
- 88. Outdoor Park Pat's Auto Body Inc., 24-30 Joy St., 100 vehicles.
- 89. Outdoor Park Pat's Auto Body Inc., 160-200 McGrath Hwy., 340 vehicles.
- 90. Drain Layer **New Drain Layer Bond**
Anthony Flowers.
- 91. Taxi Med. **Taxicab Medallion Renewal**
Victory Cab Corp., Medallion #56.
- 92. Taxi Med. County Kerry Taxi Inc., Medallion #59.
- 93. Taxi Med. Meba Cab Inc., Medallion #88.
- 94. Taxi Med. Wilven's Cab, Medallion #18.
- 95. Taxi Med. V & N Taxi Inc., Medallion #46.
- 96. Comm. **Communication**
Representative Jehlen responding to #179094 re: DCR notifying the city of impending road work.
- 97. Comm. Senator Barrios re: Testimony on the Boston MPO's Public Input Meeting on SIP Transit Commitments.
- 98. Comm. Representative Sciortino responding to #179199 re: MBTA cleaning the commuter rail tracks.
- 99. Comm. Ten registered voters submitting a petition for a ballot question on divestment from Israel.

ITEMS RECEIVED AFTER 2:00 PM